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Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Grassley:

The Agency appreciates your continuing interest in our efforts on foreign crop reporting. As you may recall from the briefing you received on 16 August 1978, our work in this field began on a limited scale in 1973 and only became a major effort in 1975. We have tried to refine our techniques each year and generally have been successful, with the exception of 1977 to which you refer. Since much of the information we acquire as well as the methods used to manipulate it are considered classified, we would welcome the opportunity to talk to you again, particularly to discuss our successful effort in 1978.

We are prepared to discuss this with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Frederick P. Hitz

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